

Nambour Village Services December 2025

ROTARY 15 December 2PM with Rev Maile (music: Rosemary)

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Service Roster

14 December 2025
ADVENT 3

Minister: Rev Maile Molitika

Music: Jenny and John Thomas

Readers: Jimmy Stewart, Linda Woodward 14 Karen Coates

Prayers: Sheila Hodges

Data Projector: Chris Bowden

Offering: Weekly retiring offering

Welcome: Our great welcoming team

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THE BIRTHDAY BOOK

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Karen!!

Enjoy your birthday

VANDERBILT LECTIONARY TODAY

14 DECEMBER 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-10,

Psalms 146:5-10,

Luke 1:46b-55,

James 5:7-10,

Matthew 11:2-11.



Nambour Uniting Church

9AM Sunday Worship Service

14 DECEMBER 2025 ADVENT 3

Collect: God of hope, peace and joy, we come before you on this Third Sunday of advent and lay before you all our confusions and troubles in life. As we approach your coming, our world has departed far away from your love and peace through wars and conflicts. But the good news is, you promise us full restoration when you come to be our Emmanuel, Amen.

From the desk of the minister: The desert will rejoice and blossom

As we continue our journey towards Christmas, we are reminded from the prophet Isaiah that despite all the troubles and problems in life, there is still hope! Isaiah wrote to the people in exile that one day there will be total restoration. **The desert will rejoice and blossom, the blind will see, the lame will walk, and the people will return to Jerusalem with joy.** His words of encouragement to the Israelites seemed to give them peace and joy despite their many hardships.

They maintain a sense of joy because they have a vision from Isaiah about a bright and wonderful future. The words of hope from Isaiah keep them going even when they have reason despair. In their dark times in Babylon, the people are assured by Isaiah that a glorious future is coming their way. He uses the analogy of the desert - a place of dryness and lifelessness - but there will be a time when this place will change forever.

The image of the desert blooming gives great hope, signifying that God restores life where all seems lifeless. This is the **good news** of our waiting as we anticipate that our God is a God of grace and mercy who will fulfil our needs when we come to him in prayer and repentance. We are always reminded that when life is hard, we believe that someday and somehow all will be good because his promise is always true,

"I will be with you to the end of the age."

He is our Emmanuel, God with us.

Grace & Peace, Rev Maile

Proverbs for Daily Living – 1. "When God restores something,

He restores it to a place greater than it was before.." **Bill Johnson**

2. "People, even more than things, have to be restored, renewed, revived, reclaimed, and redeemed; never throw out anyone." **Audrey Hepburn**

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